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## *Corrections News*

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### **New Chillicothe Correctional Center Open House Set for Saturday, September 27**

A public open house for the new Chillicothe Correctional Center (CCC) will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is the only opportunity for the general public to tour the new facility.

"The new Chillicothe Correctional Center is another step forward in our ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and protect Missouri families from crime," Gov. Matt Blunt said. "The new facility is also more environmentally-friendly and will save taxpayers money through energy efficiency. It will seldom be this easy to get in and it will never be this easy to get out so I invite you to take a look at the newest prison."

The design of the new prison incorporates several energy saving technologies such as an improved boiler system, better HVAC controls, and more efficient lighting. The prison will operate at lower energy cost than any other prison in the state.

Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) Director Larry Crawford said the new prison will also improve safety and security for the public, staff and offenders. The prison will include important safety features like a perimeter road and 21<sup>st</sup> Century design with adequate sight-lines for Corrections Officers to maintain a safe environment within the prison walls.

Missouri's female prison population has increased by 150 percent during the past 10 years, Crawford noted. The state had 1,071 female prisoners in Fiscal Year (FY) 1996, but that number increased to 2,522 in FY 2006. The new CCC's capacity is 1,636, more than triple the old institution's operating capacity of 525.

Please be advised there are some restrictions when visiting the institution for the open house. The restrictions are as follows: no weapons, no cameras, no food, no drink, and no tobacco use allowed within the institution buildings. The facility is ADA compliant; however, no mobile transportation will be provided for individuals with disabilities. Individuals are allowed to bring their own Personal Mobility Devices to maneuver around the institution, if needed. No offenders will be on site during the open house. Staff will be available to answer any questions or concerns. The recruitment team will also be present to assist any person requesting information regarding MDOC employment.

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The institution is located at the north end of Chillicothe off of Highway 65. Turn right onto Kelsie Reeter Road; the institution is on the right at 3151 Litton Road.

Free parking is available at the institution.

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